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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EVENING READING, FRIDAY, APRIL 21:

1. SOMALIA. AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SAW SIAD ON WEDNESDAY AND REQUESTED WRITTEN ASSURANCES THAT THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT WILL NOT USE FORCE AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY, AND THAT IT WILL ACCEPT THE OTHER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE SUPPLY OF U.S. MILITARY GOODS. LOUGHRAN ALSO DESCRIBED OUR PACKAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN ENLARGED TO \$15 MILLION, AND NOW INCLUDES SOME LETHAL EQUIPMENT. SIAD EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INCREASE AND AGREED TO RESPOND IN WRITING.

IF HIS REPLY PROVIDES US WITH THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING, WE WILL (1) PROCEED WITH OUR CONGRESSIONAL
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CONSULTATIONS, (2) FORWARD A DETERMINATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ELIGIBILITY FOR YOUR SIGNATURE, AND (3) DISPATCH A MILITARY GROUP TO MOGADISCIO TO ASSESS SOMALIA'S DEFENSIVE NEEDS. WE ARE PLANNING TO CONSULT WITH THE SAUDIS TO OBTAIN THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. RHODESIA. YOU ASKED THAT WE TAKE STEPS TO MAKE

IT CLEAR THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LACK OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS DURING THE DAR ES SALAAM TALKS. CY HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRONT LINE STATES AND NIGERIA POINTING OUT OUR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S PERFORMANCE. OUR AMBASSADORS WERE INSTRUCTED TO NOTE OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT, IN SPITE OF PREVIOUS ASSURANCES FROM THE FRONT LINE, NKOMO AND MUGABE STILL INSIST ON DOMINATING THE TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AND PLACING CONDITIONS ON PARTICIPATION IN AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING.

THE TALKS IN DAR, PRETORIA, AND SALISBURY, HOWEVER, KEPT THE DOOR OPEN TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE PRESERVED OUR OPTIONS IN DEALING WITH THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. AT THIS STAGE, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR INTERESTS ARE BEST SERVED BY MAINTAINING OUR WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE ON THE BASIS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (AS WELL AS THE VIEWS OF THE OTHER PARTIES), KEEPING WALDHEIM AND PREMIER CHAND INFORMED AND INVOLVED. CY WILL BE DISCUSSING RHODESIA IN LONDON THIS WEEKEND, AND OF COURSE WILL BE REPORTING TO YOU ON HIS RETURN.

3. NAMIBIA. CY'S MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE NAMIBIA CONTACT GROUP IN LONDON ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY WILL CENTER ON THE SECRET

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QUESTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND POSSIBLE ASSURANCES WHICH THE CONTACT GROUP MIGHT GIVE SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING INTERNAL SECURITY IN NAMIBIA FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR RESIDUAL MILITARY FORCE. THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA OPENS MONDAY FOR A TWO-WEEK RUN WHICH WILL FEATURE STRONG EFFORTS BY THE AFRICANS TO MOBILIZE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO. WE ARE ANXIOUS THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION NOT COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE OF OUR PROPOSAL.

4. PORTUGAL. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND THE IMF AGREED THIS WEEK ON THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A NEW STAND-BY AGREEMENT THAT HAS A TARGET FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEFICIT OF \$1 BILLION FOR THE YEAR STARTING APRIL 1, 1978. MAJOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL LOAN ARRANGEMENT WILL NOW BEGIN TO DISBURSE THEIR LOANS. THE FIRST \$200 MILLION FROM OUR \$300 MILLION LOAN SHOULD GO OUT BY MID-MAY.

5. PANAMA. I MET WITH AMBASSADOR GABRIEL LEWIS THIS MORNING TO CLARIFY OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH

PANAMA AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO IMPLEMENT THE TREATIES. LEWIS SEEMED PLEASED TO ACCEPT OUR DESIGNATION OF AMBASSADOR DAVID POPPER AS THEIR PRIMARY CONTACT POINT FOR WORKING OUT THE DETAILED PLANNING HERE, WITH AMBASSADOR JORDAN PERFORMING A LIKE ROLE IN PANAMA. BILL ROGERS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, NATURALLY WANTS TO BOW OUT AT THIS POINT.

LEWIS, WHO LEFT FOR PANAMA THIS MORNING, REITERATED THE PANAMANIAN'S DESIRE THAT YOU MAKE A VISIT TO PANAMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE TREATIES AND COMPLETE OTHER FORMALITIES. THE PANAMANIAN'S WANT THE PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA TO BE PRESENT. THE PANAMANIAN'S ALSO HAVE
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IN MIND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IN THE OAS, AND WE ARE EXCHANGING DRAFTS AT THIS POINT. THE DISCUSSION PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF RESTRAINT IN PUBLIC COMMENTS.

6. KOREA. WE BRIEFED AMBASSADOR KIM JUST PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL POLICY, AND HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER. BOTH SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE DECISION. THE INITIAL REACTION TO OUR CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS WAS FAVORABLE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JOHN GLENN. OTHERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR POSITIONS ON THE MERITS OF THE BASIC POLICY, GENERALLY FELT WE HAD TAKEN A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT IS STILL UNCLEAR IF WE WILL GET THE \$800 MILLION EQUIPMENT TRANSFER AUTHORITY THIS SESSION, BUT WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR POSITION.

7. SOUTH YEMEN. THE SAUDIS HAVE FINALLY COME AROUND TO YOUR VIEWS THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE RESTORED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH YEMEN. WE ARE ASSESSING THE TIMING AND TACTICS OF DOING SO.

8. SOUTH AFRICA. THE FULL HOUSE BANKING COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE NEXT WEDNESDAY TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RETAIN THE TSONGAS AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT EX-IM BANK GUARANTEES FOR LOANS BY SOUTH AFRICAN PURCHASERS OF AMERICAN GOODS. WE HAVE STUDIED THE TSONGAS AMENDMENT CAREFULLY AND CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PREEMPT THE

AMENDMENT BY ADMINISTRATION ACTION, NOR SEEK TO DELAY IT. WE HAVE COORDINATED OUR POSITION WITH EX-IM. CHAIRMAN REUSS AND MILLICENT FENWICK, AMONG OTHERS, HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE TSONGAS AMENDMENT, AND
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WE EXPECT IT TO BE RETAINED IN THE BILL.

9. PRISONER EXCHANGE. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE DETAILS OF THE PRISONER EXCHANGE ARRANGED BY THE EAST GERMAN LAWYER, VOGEL. AS THE FIRST STEP IN THE DEAL, THE ISRAELI PILOT MIRON MARCUS WILL BE RELEASED THIS SUNDAY ON THE MOZAMBIQUE-SWAZILAND BORDER. ON APRIL 30, WE WILL RELEASE ROBERT THOMPSON TO VOGEL IN NEW YORK, AND THEY WILL THEN TRAVEL TO EAST BERLIN. SIMULTANEOUSLY, ALAN VAN NORMAN, AN AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN EAST GERMANY ON EXFILTRATION CHARGES, WILL BE RELEASED TO US IN WEST BERLIN.

VOGEL WILL ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES NEXT WEDNESDAY. HE HAS SAID HE WISHES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE EXPULSION OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKIY FROM THE SOVIET UNION. WE ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT AND VOGEL'S ROLE IN IT. WE PLAN ONLY TO LISTEN TO HIM AT THIS POINT.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEWSWEEK INTENDS TO RUN A DETAILED STORY ON THE EXCHANGES IN ITS MONDAY EDITION. CHRISTOPHER

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